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Cobalt Ore Shipped to Red China

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A showdown with Red China may come earlier than anybody expects.

American agents have spotted a Greek freighter delivering 4000 tons of cobalt ore from Morocco to Red China. Cobalt is the ingredient for the deadliest bomb of all, which if exploded with nuclear force



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behind it could wipe out all vegetation, all animal life and all human life over a wide area of the earth.

Both the United States and Russia understand the devastating potential of the cobalt bomb and have been very guarded in developing it.

The State Department has protested to the Moroccan government against the secret sale of cobalt ore to China without result. A shipment of 4000 tons of cobalt ore is so unusual that the purpose of the shipment is extremely suspect.

Ramblers and Politics

George Romney, the handsome Governor of Michigan, and his Ramblers are headed for more protests because of the use of corporate funds for political purposes.

Last year a stockholders' suit was filed against American

Motors, Romney, and Richard Cross, present board chairman, for using funds to promote Romney's political ambitions.

The suit contends that American Motors public relations executives spent their time working for the election of Romney as a delegate to Michigan's Constitutional Convention and after that to elect him Governor. The case is now pending and depositions are being taken.

What the stockholders don't know is that right now American Motors is supplying a \$4000 car to Arthur Elliott Jr., Michigan's Republican State Chairman and Romney's campaign manager for Governor.

On Feb. 14 Elliott drove a \$4000 Rambler "Ambassador," license tag ZK2443 to a meeting as the official representative of the Republican Party.

Again, on Feb. 18 Elliott was seen driving his car to a political science class at Michigan State University.

The car is registered in the name of American Motors Corp.

Under the Corrupt Practices Act, a corporation cannot make a political contribution. American Motors does defense work. Gov. Romney is still the largest single stockholder in American Motors.

Death of a New Dealer

A man who used to employ about a million men

other day. He was Howard O. Hunter, once head of the WPA, which, during the height of the depression, put hundreds of thousands of people to work.

Hunter took over the WPA in 1939 and continued until 1943 when wartime made it unnecessary. He was one of the last of the New Deal executives who tried to alleviate unemployment. One other who still survives is Aubrey Williams, who was director of the National Youth Administration.

Under both Williams and Hunter for a time was a young man named Johnson who served as regional direc-

tor in Texas. He is now President of the United States.

After Hunter left government he became president of the American Institute of Baking where he brought industry together with government in setting up safeguards for health and standards for good bread.

Howard retired from the Institute of Baking a couple of months ago and moved to Florida to rest. There, after 50 years of actively working for his fellowmen, he got tired of resting and quietly went on to join Harry Hopkins, FDR, and the others who battled the great depression.

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